

of pastor and people. In spite of the fact that the families were few, and not blessed with an abundance of this world's goods, the building, with its splendid equipment, was completely paid for on the day of dedication. At the time of its building there was much agitation for a change of location, a site near the present traction line being favored by some, but wiser heads prevailed; the new building did not lose the association of its hallowed memories and the charm of its rustic setting. In 1906 Stonelick lapsed momentarily into the lesser importance of a mission church, besides losing its own mission at New Boston, or as the town is more correctly called now, Owensville. For four years (1907-'11) it was attended from Milford by Father Russell.

Such is its past. Its present is truly a continuance

of an even tenor of ways, for it is one of the few parishes where for generations there has been the same class of people engaged in the same wholesome occupation:

"To till the soil, to turn the sod,
To lift a reverent heart to God,
O happy, tranquil lot!"

It is one of the few parishes that is away from the rumble and noise of the city, from its cares and worries, its diversions and distractions, and from all its modern inconveniences. Its future seems assured, for already the tide is turning. Its short hour's distance from Cincinnati's center is emphasizing its natural attraction as a residential out-

district or suburb. And the era of good roads, making it all the easier for the business man to escape the *ennui* of city life, promises to be contempo-

raneous with its greatest development in numbers, without destroying its charm of the crowded country.



Rev. HENRY MEYER. 1910.

